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恐竜の末裔である〈血族〉の少年・浅見清。彼との出会いは、鮎川裕司の人生を一変させた。湊にさらわれた裕司は、自分が普通の人間ではなく、〈血族〉の「雌」であることを知らされる——。喜びに沸きかえる湊たちの村——しかし突然、武装した軍勢の襲撃が！ さまざまな人間の思惑が、裕司の、そして湊の運命を翻弄する!!

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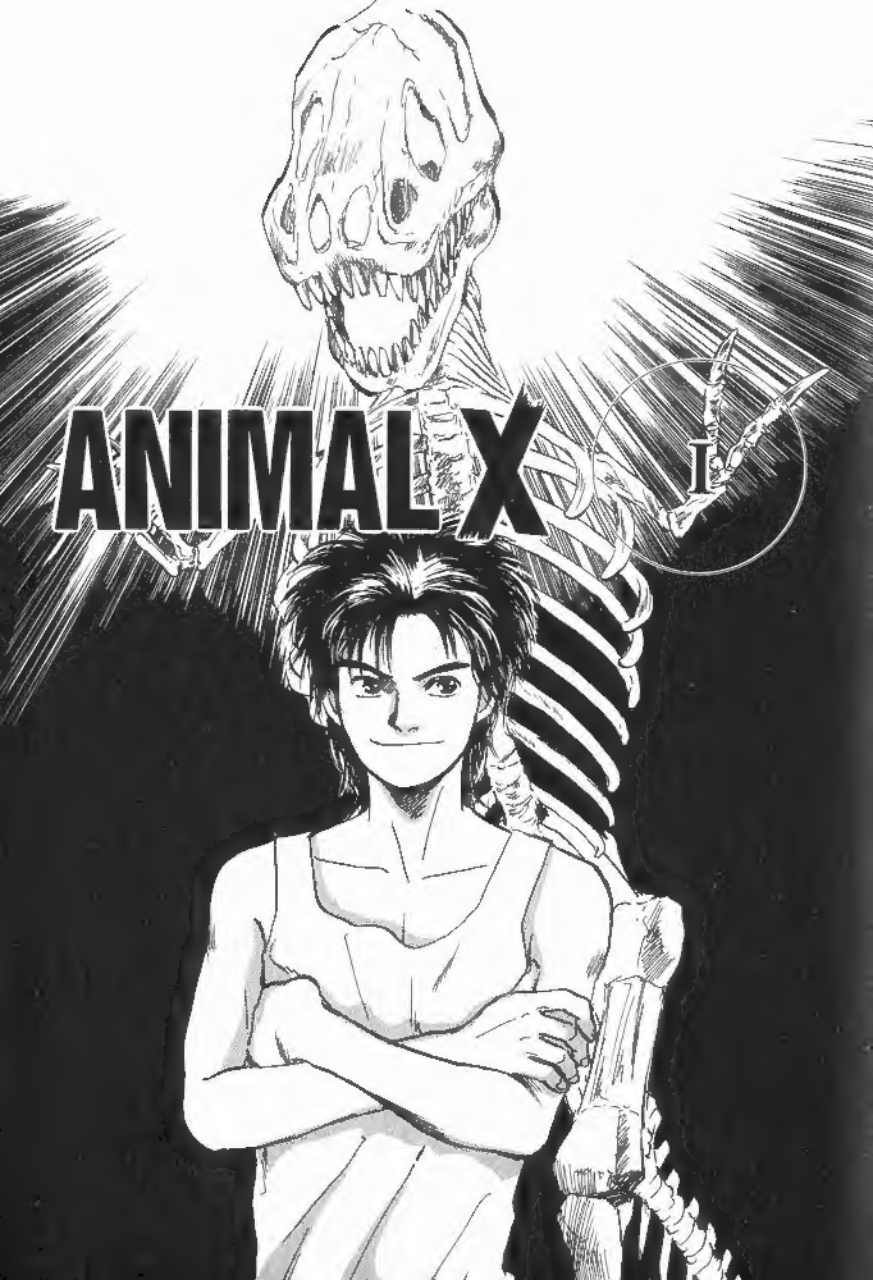
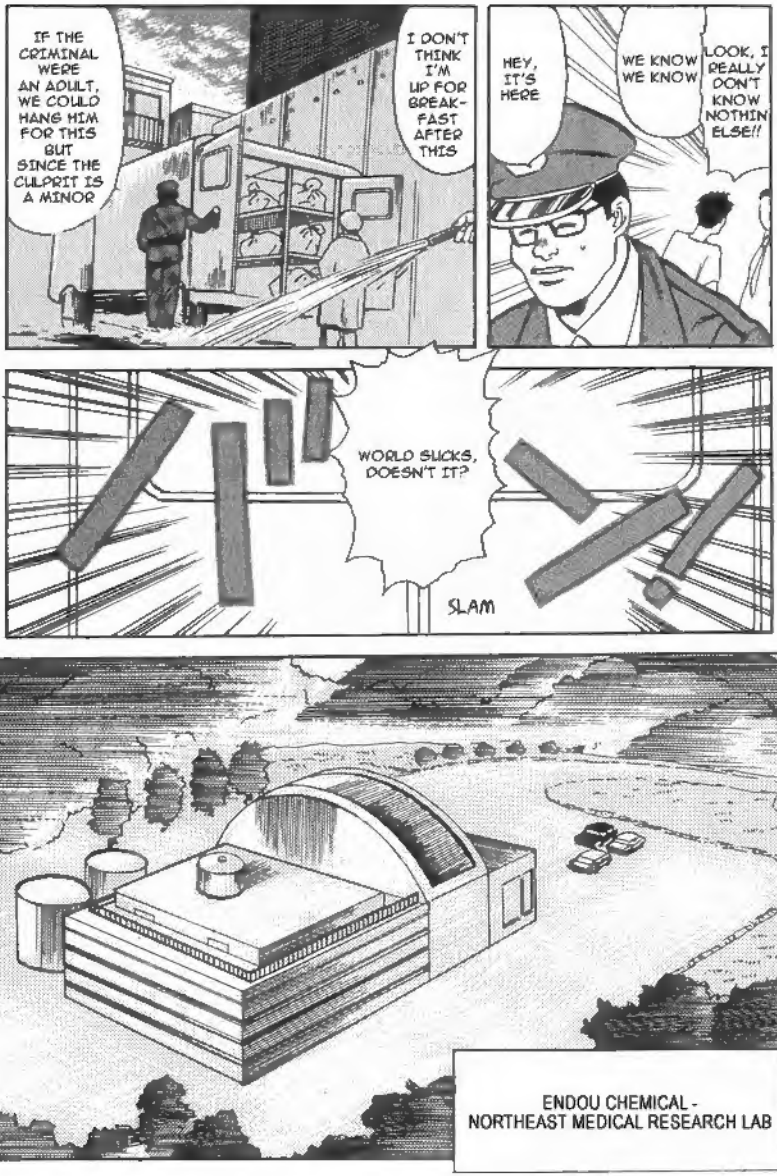

ANIMAL X
I

TOKYO——

KICHIJOUJI
I SEE
YOU'RE SAYING THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS SHOULDER AND THEN HE KILLED ALL FOUR OF THESE GANGSTERS

テナント募集
LOOK, I TOLD YOU WHAT I KNOW! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE FUCK HE CAME FROM!!
JUST ONE BOY COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE DONE THIS, COULD HE?
YOU'RE ALREADY ELIGEABLE TO BE HELD FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENCE... YOU REALIZE LYING COULD GET YOU EVEN MORE TIME, DON'T YOU?
JUST... WE WERE FIGHTING AND HE WASN'T THAT STRONG... BUT THEN AFTER THE GROUP BOSS WENT AFTER HIM SOMETHING HAPPENED
HMPH
THAT GUY... ISN'T NORMAL!!

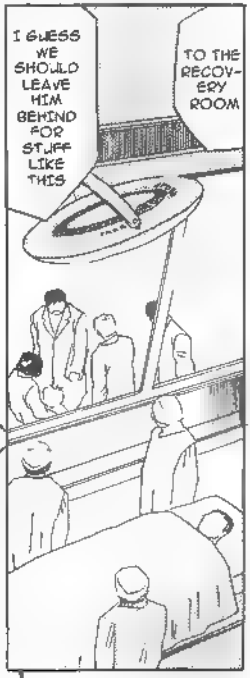

IF THE CRIMINAL WERE AN ADULT, WE COULD HANG HIM FOR THIS BUT SINCE THE CULPRIT IS A MINOR
I DON'T THINK I'M UP FOR BREAK-FAST AFTER THIS
HEY, IT'S HERE
WE KNOW WE KNOW
LOOK, I REALLY DON'T KNOW NOTHIN ELSE!!
WORLD SUCKS, DOESN'T IT?
SLAM
ENDOU CHEMICAL - NORTHEAST MEDICAL RESEARCH LAB

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH X SYNDROME IS SPREADING FASTER THAN WE'D PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT
AND THEY SENT THEM HERE TO THE MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER HUH
THERE WERE FIVE PEOPLE LIKE THIS?
IT'S BLINDSIDING US, THIS MYSTERY PLAGUE
bzzzzzzzz!
KYAAA!
SLIP
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP IT, I WONDER?
OH NO, AYUKAWA-KUN!!
WHAT HAPPENED?

I KNEW HE WAS WEAK WITH BLOOD BUT
HE HE PASSED OUT
HANG IN THERE!!

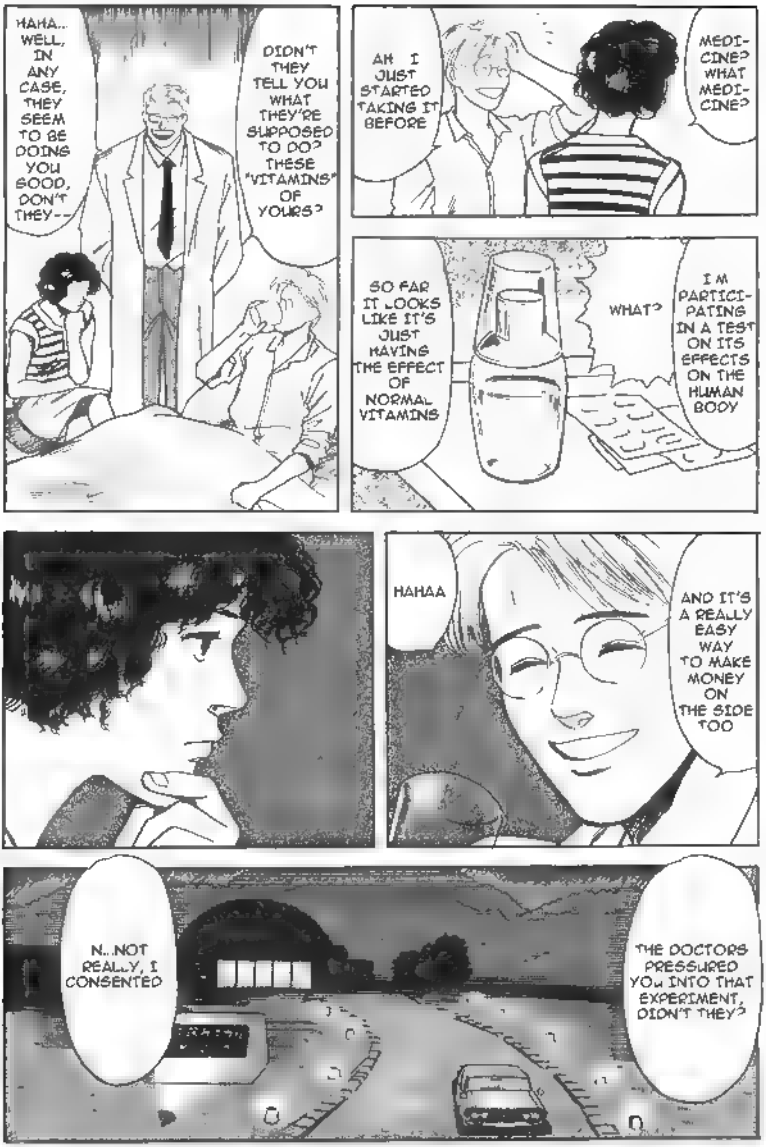
HAHA
HAHA
SO MUCH FOR OUR FAMOUS HANDS-ON CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE
OH GEEZ. WELL IT CAN'T BE HELPED, CAN IT?

RECOVERY ROOM


I GUESS WE SHOULD LEAVE HIM BEHIND FOR STUFF LIKE THIS
TO THE RECOVERY ROOM

I-- DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU AT ALL!!

I'M SORRY KYOUKO-CHAN
I HAVEN'T BEEN FEELING THAT WELL LATELY AND .. I'M WEAK WITH DISSECTIONS TO BEGIN WITH
IN THREE YEARS YOU'LL BE 30, RIGHT? AT THAT POINT YOU'LL NEED TO BE THE BACKBONE OF THIS MEDICAL CENTER, WON'T YOU?
I .. I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
S .SORRY
THIS ISN'T KINDERGARTEN ANYMORE, YOU NEED TO GET SERIOUS!! GEEZ YUU-CHAN!!
"I GUESS" NOTHING, BE MORE SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!!
EX-CUSE US
AYUKAWA-KUN, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDS
DR TADOKORO
FOR A MAN, YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY PRIDE OR GUTS AT ALL!!


HAHA... WELL, IN ANY CASE, THEY SEEM TO BE DOING YOU GOOD, DON'T THEY-
DIDN'T THEY TELL YOU WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO? THESE 'VITAMINS' OF YOURS?
AM I JUST STARTED TAKING IT BEFORE
MEDI-CINE? WHAT MEDI-CINE?
SO FAR IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST HAVING THE EFFECT OF NORMAL VITAMINS
WHAT?
I'M PARTICI-PATING IN A TEST ON ITS EFFECTS ON THE HUMAN BODY
HAHAA
AND IT'S A REALLY EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY ON THE SIDE TOO
N...NOT REAL..Y, I CONSENTED
THE DOCTORS PRESSURED YOU INTO THAT EXPERIMENT, DIDN'T THEY?

EH?
BUT THEY OFFERED ME $10 000 TO TAKE IT FOR 3 MONTHS
IN SHOOT I REALLY NEED THAT MONEY
THEY KNEW THAT IF THEY ASKED YOU YOU COULDN'T REFUSE YOU HAVE SUCH AN EASY TO MANIPULATE CHARACTER
I-I THOUGHT THAT YOU AND I COULD USE IT TO GET MARRIED
THAT IS IF IT WAS ALRIGHT
YUU-CHAN

I KNOW OUR PARENTS ARRANGED OUR ENGAGEMENT BUT
YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO REALLY LIKE THE IDEA MUCH EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE
SORRY IT'S NOT THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO.
BUT IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO NICE, YUU-CHAN
I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHO IT IS YOU REALLY LOVE YET
GOOD NIGHT
LO
LOVE
BUT!!
AH!
SPLAT
HEEEY, AYUKAWA'S BACK. AND HE'S ALREADY FALLING OVER HIS OWN FEET---

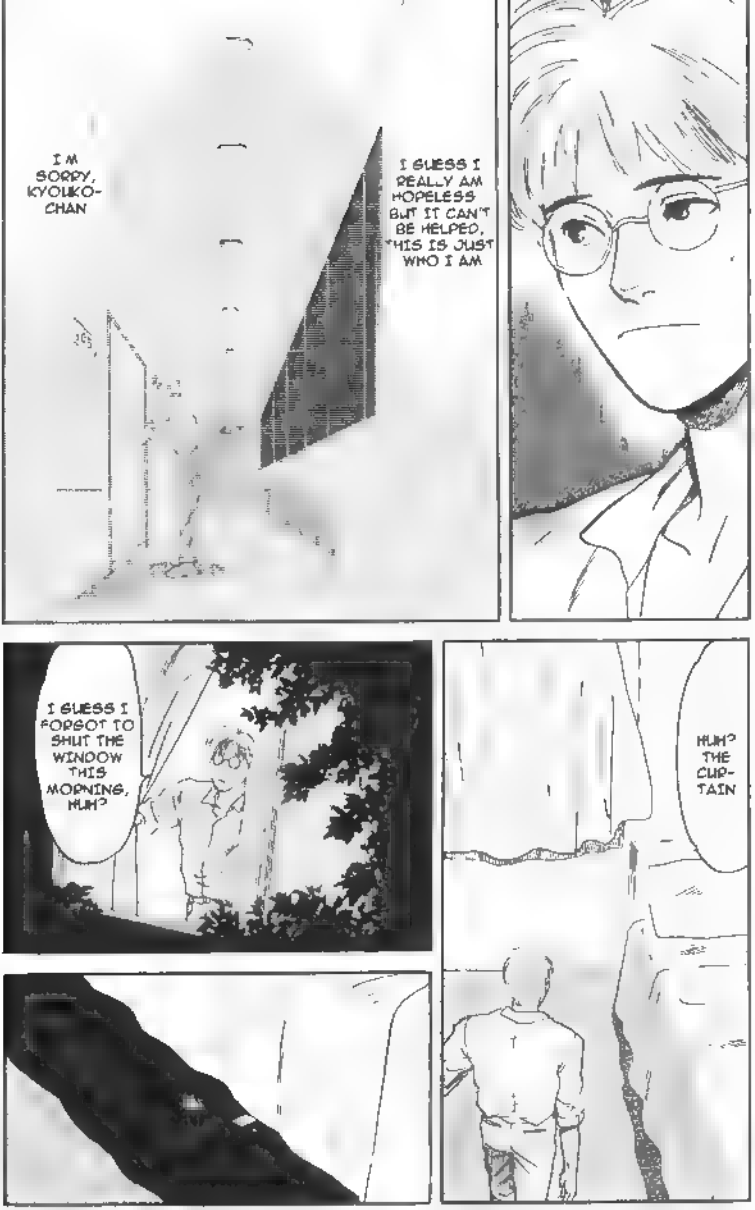
KIND OF SUSPI-CIOUS, WHAT DO YOU THINK..
I DON'T KNOW, DO YOU REALLY THINK A KID LIKE THAT COULD HAVE KILLED 4 KICHIJOUJI YAKUZA?
THE POLICE CAN'T GET HIM TO TALK, SO WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A POSITIVE ID ON HIM
HEEEH
HONESTLY, I CAN'T SEE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL BRAT TO ME
!
HEY, THAT CAR!!
IT'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!!

キキキキキ
ガ

A MONSTER
UUUH
"BOOM"
IT'S A MONSTER!!

EXCUSE ME, COULD I GET A GLASS OF ICE WATER AND SOME NATTOU PLEASE?
EEEEH, THAT'S REALLY CLOSE TO HERE
TODAY THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT ON THE NORTH-EAST INTERCHANGE A TRUCK CARRYING A SUSPECTED MURDERER APPARENTLY GRAZED THE CHECKPOINT AND OVERTURNED. TWO MEN ARE CONFIRMED DEAD IN THE ACCIDENT, THE KILLER HAS YET TO BE FOUND
禁煙
POOR AS EVER, I SEE
I'D LIKE SOME CURRY-RICE MA AM
MUST'VE SUCKED-- YOU DID IT IN FRONT OF YOUR FIANCEE TOO
YEAH WELL
HEARD YOU FAINTED TODAY
HEY AYUKAWA
SLAM

IMAGINE HAVING A HUSBAND THAT CAN'T EVEN STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD-
HAHAHA
SHE PROBABLY SAID SO
NO, NO SHE DIDN'T
HM? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
UH... NO, NOT A WORD
AND EVEN WITH THAT PART-TIME JOB YOU'RE STINGY AS EVER
HA... HAA
SINCE YOU'RE DR TADOKORO'S JUNIOR HE BABIES YOU AND LETS YOU OFF EASY
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
TH...THAT'S NOT TRUE
WHAT WAS THAT?
U UM... THAT'S RIGHT...
HAHAHA, I GUESS IT REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A GIRLISH PUSSY BEFORE


I'M SORRY, KYOUKO-CHAN
I GUESS I REALLY AM HOPELESS BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED, THIS IS JUST WHO I AM
I GUESS I FORGOT TO SHUT THE WINDOW THIS MORNING, HUH?
HUH? THE CAPTAIN

stitch
stitch
AH... LOST A BUTTON
I GUESS THIS IS GIRLISH TOO, HUH?
pull
BUT I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY A NEW SHIRT, SO THIS'LL HAVE TO DO
!
DAMN
C'MERE YOU
pop

POUNCE
THERE?
IS SOME-THING
WHAA
MAKE A NOISE AND YOU'RE DEAD!!

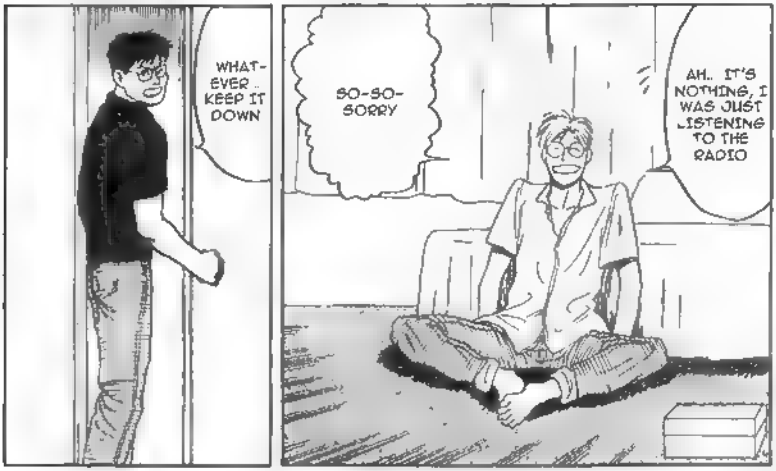
I'M NOT KIDDING EITHER MAN' I CAN KILL YOU WITH A FLICK OF MY WRIST!!

WHA?
HUMAN?
OR COULD IT BE
YOU'RE
KIN.. ?

I-I HAVE PARENTS AND A FIANCEE!!
I'M BE-GEGGING YOU, PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!!
HMMMM--- THERE S DEFINATELY SOMETHING HERE THAT ATTRACTED ME TO THIS PLACE
sniff
sniff
HII HIEEEEEE ~~
N-NEITHER .. I M FROM YOKOHAMA
DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I M TALKING ABOUT WHERE WERE YOU BORN? HOKKAIDO OR OKINAWA?
IDIOT, THINK I'D KILL MY OWN KIND?
HUH ?

I-I I M TELLING THE TRUTH
DON'T PRETEND! I'LL EAT YOU!!

KEEP IT DOWN, WILLYA!!
HEY AYUKAWA!! WHAT THE HE... ARE YOU DOING TALKING TO YOURSELF?


WHAT-EVER.. KEEP IT DOWN
SO-SO-SORRY
AH.. IT'S NOTHING, I WAS JUST LISTENING TO THE RADIO

GOOD BOY
I KILLED A BUNCH OF YAKUZA IN KICHIJOUJI
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE NEWS TODAY? ABOUT THE HIGHWAY ACCIDENT THAT WAS ME!
EH?!
BUT MY NAME S ASABA MINATO
... HUMANS ARE AWFULLY UPPITY ABOUT KILLING PEOPLE, AREN'T THEY? IN THE LAB THEY CALLED ME "BOY A"---
THEY WERE TRYING TO TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL FOR "TESTS"

I DUNNO JUST WHY BUT---- I'VE
YUUJI... AYUKAWA YUUJI
AND YOU'RE AYUKAWA HE SAID? AYUKAWA WHAT?
DECIDED ON YOU
I DON'T THINK I SHOULD RESIST YOU BUT IF THIS IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING STRANGE...
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MY KID
WHAT?!

KE KE KE KE KE
I'M GOING TO GET DOWN TO IT HERE AND NOW, BEFORE YOU RUN OFF WITH ANOTHER GUY
GRAB
UH UH UHMM I I'M A GUY, RIGHT?
!!
HUH?
HIEE---
HE'S RE-REALLY STRONG !!
OOOOOOH, HOW DID YOU KNOW--- THAT I'M A PERVERT, THAT IS-----!?
PE-PERVERT!!
LE LET GO OF ME PLEASE!! YOU'RE SICK!!
DON'T WORRY, I HAVEN'T GOT ANY STDS

He's a little crazy though

LA LA LAAA ♫
HERE COMES 3 MINUTES OF PARADISE!!
HEEEELP
SOME
SOME-ONE---!!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO SHUT THE FUCK UP..
UWAA
.SPLATTER

SYAAA
~AAAAA

AYUKAWA'S GONE!! IT'S THAT MONSTER
SOME-THING S GOING ON IN AYUKAWA'S ROOM
WHAT'S WRONG?
FAINT
HE TOOK HIM OFF
WHAT? AT THE DORM?

I UNDERSTAND I'M ON MY WAY NOW
DOCTOR TADOKORO
IT'S ASABA MINATO
NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT
THAT MONSTER!

YOU'RE TIMID AS A MOUSE
splash
THAT'S ENOUGH FAINTING, IDIOT-BOY!!
MY NECK'S ALL MESSED UP DID HE REALLY JUST TRANSFORM..
IT-IT WASN'T A DREAM
OF COURSE NOT!! STAND UP!! IDIOT!!
UM.. WHERE ARE WE?
WHILE YOU WERE PASSED OUT WE FOLLOWED THE PATH THROUGH THE FOREST AND UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS
FROM HERE I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO OUR VILLAGE!

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING TO YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
KE KE KE KE
I'VE GOT PARENTS A-AND A FIANCEE
P-PLEASE LET ME GO BACK
I'VE BEEN GETTING A LITTLE WORN-OUT LOOKING FOR A MATE
I'M KIND OF SURPRISED THAT I MET A FEMALE BACK THERE---
I- I TOLD YOU, I'M A MALE!!
BU.. BUT!!

*Yuuji's parents

GLIDE

glide
flap
flap
BROTHER
... WHAT IS IT?

WHAT?
AND HE'S BRINGING A GIRL WITH HIM!!
MINA-TO'S COMING BACK!!
HEEEEEEEEY--- I'M BACK EVERYONE----!!
AND I BROUGHT A SOUVENIR ----!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
IF YOU'RE JERKING OUR CHAIN WE'RE GONNA FRY UP SOME HAWK FOR DINNER
SERIOUS, I WAS SURPRISED TOO

YOU'VE AWAKENED, HAVEN'T YOU? FINALLY COMING INTO YOUR BLOOD---
MINATO!!
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN BACK 'ROUND HERE
SURE YOU DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE?
WHAT'S WITH THIS VILLAGE?
WHICH?
BUT THIS IS A MAN, ISN'T IT?
UNTIL NOW WE LIVED HERE IN SECURITY ~~~~
HEY-HEY
UH-- UMMM NO YOU SEE I... I'M
IT'S ALL OVER!!
LITTLE PALE TOO, ISN'T IT?
SMELLS LIKE A GIRL THOUGH, THAT'S FOR SURE

NO
UM
LOOM
ARE YOU FEMALE?
TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF SO WE CAN ALL SEE
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE?
YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN. I'M NOT--
IT'S TOO NOI-SY!!

slap
YO-
YOU'RE
WRONG!
SO
STOP
IT
IT'S BECAUSE
THIS VILLAGE
HAS ONLY
MEN THAT THERE
CAN'T BE ANY
CHILDREN!!
YOU'RE
CAUSING ME
A LOT OF
TROUBLE!
YOU'RE LESS
THAN A DOG
TO ME!! LESS
THAN A DOG!!

I'LL BE AT THE SHRINE!!
MINATO, WE MADE STEW, IF YOU'D LIKE SOME
COME IN, COME IN
WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU AWAKEN IN TOKYO?
EVEN IF HE HASN'T AWAKENED WE SHOULDN'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM HIM AT HIS AGE

I TRAVELLED TO TOKYO FOR THE FIRST TIME AND SAW HUMAN SOCIETY WITH MY OWN EYES
AND I CAN TELL YOu FIRSTHAND THAT HUMANS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS AND FOUL CREATURES ON THIS EARTH!!
I'M SORRY TO SAY IT BUT, I ACTuALLY LIVED AMONG THEM!!
WELL SPOKEN, MINATO
OF COURSE YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH. WE ARE THE CHOSEN, THE KINDRED WHO HAVE INHERITED THE TRUE BLOOD THROUGH GENERATIONS

FROM LONG AGO HUMANS HAVE BEEN OUR SWORN ENEMY AND IF NOT FOR THE STRICT COMMANDMENTS AND LAWS OF THIS VILLAGE, THEY WOULD LONG AGO HAVE DRIVEN US TO EXTINCTION
OFTEN THEIR SPECIES HAS EVOLVED AND INVADED OUR LANDS, DRIVING US TO THE BRINK IN NEARLY EVERY AGE.. FROM NOW ON IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE HAVE FEWER ALTERNATIVES THAN TO JOIN OUR BLOODLINES BUT----
THERE IS ONE--
THE BIRTH OF A FEMALE CHILD, WITHOUT DEFECT OR DEFORMITY--

AND THAT FEMALE YOU BROUGHT IS KIND OF SUSPICIOUS
JIN
BUT ONLY ONE IN 10 CHILDREN IS FEMALE
GLUGGLUG
OF COURSE, THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THE FEMALE TO BREED WITH
...
MAYBE OUR SENSES ARE GETTING MUDDY
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT
BUT HEY
I KNOW THE SCENT IS FEMALE
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IT'S BEEN ALTERED BY BIO-TECHNOLOGY?
THE FEMALE SEEMS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF OUR LINEAGE, AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE SEARCHED THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH FOR ANY FEMALES?

I HAVE TO!!
I WANT TO!!
ME TOO
CAN'T YOU??
YOU GUYS ARE ALL MALES, CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND MY URGE TO MATE?!
I REALLY WANT TO I REALLY REALLY WANT TO!!
OSACHA!! PLEASE PREPARE THE CEREMONY!!
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT FOREVER BUT YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THE BLOOD OF THIS RACE CONTINUING, DON'T YOU!!

WE WILL DO WHAT'S NECESSARY
YOU WILL HAVE YOUR MATE
OGACHA
YES!! LEAVE THE PROLIFERATION OF THE RACE TO ME!!
MINATO, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DEFILE THE BLOODLINE?!
WOULD IT BE BETTER IF WE ALL TURNED GAY?
HUH?
IDIOT
YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE THAT WOULDN'T YOU JIN?

THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE ON NOTHING BUT MEAT?
ALL OF THE YOUNG ONES IN THE VILLAGE WILL DRAW IN A LOTTERY FOR THEIR TURN
WHAT THE HELL?! HE'S ONLY 17 AND HE GETS TO HOLD A WOMAN!!
HAVE WE EVEN GOT A TUB OR ANYTHING FOR A PURIFI-CATION CEREMONY ANYMORE?

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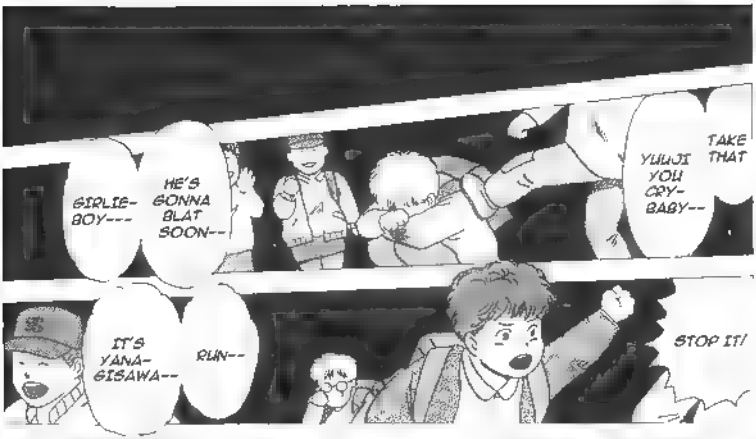
ANIMAL X
II

TOKYO, TAKADA NOBABA
KICK
KICK
I TOLD YOU I KNOW NUTHIN''
I DIDN'T HAVE NUTHIN' TO DO WITH IT!!
THAT KID AHH
THE LITTLE SHIT KILLED FOUR GUYS FROM YOUR GANG, YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE TELLIN' US!!
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE'S THE BRAT NAMED ASABA?!
THIS HASN'T GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME! I TOLD THE SAME TO THE COPS!!

WELL THEN, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR STORY WHEN WE CUT YOU.
HOW ABOUT WE START BY SHAVING OFF YOUR NOSE!
HIII!
WAIT
I STILL HAVE A USE FOR THIS HUMAN


TAKE THAT
YUUJI YOU CRY-BABY--
HE'S GONNA BLAT SOON--
GIRLIE-BOY---
STOP IT!
RUN--
IT'S YANA-GISAWA--

HONEY!
YOU'RE A BOY, CAN'T YOU HANDLE A LITTLE SCHOOLYARD PRESSURE?! JOIN SOME CLUBS! GET STRONGER!
IS WHAT I HEARD FROM YOUR TEACHER TRUE? ARE THE OTHER KIDS TEASING YOU AT SCHOOL, YUUJI?
YOU'VE DECIDED TO BECOME MORE "MANLY", YUU-CHAN?
YUUJI WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR, SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO RELY ON PHYSICAL STRENGTH

BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ALMOST A SHAME THAT YOU WERE BORN A BOY?
I. I I'M SORRY
DON'T APOLO-GIZE!
BUT IT DOES NOT FIT YOUR OWN PERSO-NALITY AT ALL
SINCE WE WERE LITTLE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE TOMBOY KNOCKING THE BULLIES OFF OF YOU!
KYOU.
HEY
ARE YOU AWAKE?

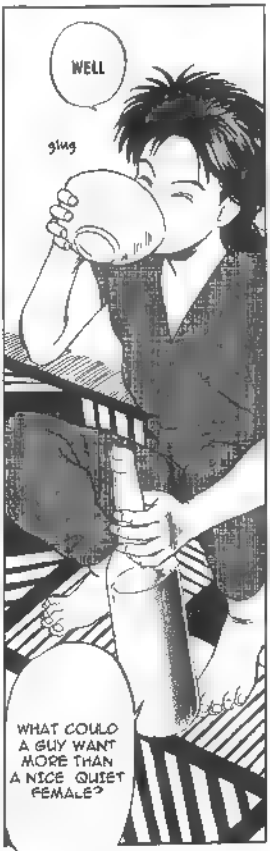
THERE'S BREAKFAST, IF YOU COME TO THE VILLAGE HEAD'S PLACE
A
A. DREAM

HEY MINATO, YOU BROUGHT THE FEMALE!!
THOUGHT SHE COULD USE SOME DAYLIGHT
FROM THE LOOK OF IT, YOU'RE RIGHT COME INSIDE!
COME HERE, SIT WITH ME..
I'M THE HEADMAN OF USHIKUMA VILLAGE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ME--
OHH YOU'RE A SKINNY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
BUT WE'LL GET SOME MEAT ON YOUR BONES, MARK MY WORDS!
WE'VE EVEN GOT SOME TIME TO GET STARTED BEFORE THE CERE-MONY-----

IF I RESIST THEM NOW I'M PROBABLY DEAD MEAT
HAHAHAHA
IMAGINE HOW CUTE MY KID WOULD BE--

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE ME A KID TOO?
WA!

UM. UM
I HAVE A REQUEST
HMM?


WELL
sing
WHAT COULD A GUY WANT MORE THAN A NICE QUIET FEMALE?

PL.. PLEASE BRING ME BACK HOME!!

I-I'M SURE THAT EVERY-ONE'S MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! UM I THAT IS I
I THINK THE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR M-ME
SHUT UP!
KICK
HEEY MINATO, GO EASY---
smack
bash
MINATO ALWAYS WAS A LITTLE VIOLENT--

GOODAMNIT! THAT'S THE 2ND TIME YOUR MOUTHING OFF HAS EMBARASSED ME!!
CAN'T YOU BITE YOUR TONGUE?!
NICE TOUCH
BUT YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO HIM. THE BLOOD SMELLS NICE
HE HE HE
HEH. THINK HE NEEDS FIRST-AID
HMPH, THE FOOD'S GETTING COLD!
HAHAHA HOW FLASHY, MINATO-
drop!

HEY!
YOU CAN'T EAT HER YET! SHE'S STILL GONNA BE MY MATE!!
SO-SORRY ABOUT THAT
WHAT COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE PLANNING TO DO WITH US, WE HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD FROM THE POLICE!!
I WONDER WHAT YUUJI'S DOING RIGHT NOW
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR WORD...?

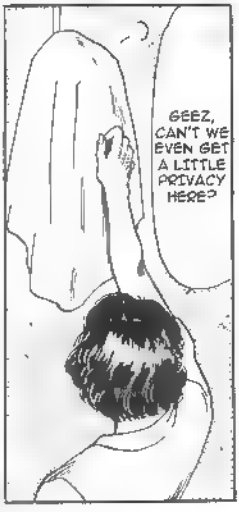
THAT'S FOOLISH. COME ON. !
A THOUSAND. WHAT IF THEY WERE TRYING TO KILL HIM. !
I'M SURE HE'S ALRIGHT, OBASAN!!

COME TO THINK OF IT YUU-CHAN WAS ALWAYS TAKING THOSE WEIRD DRUGS
HE SAID THEY WERE SOMETHING LIKE VITAMINS. THERE WERE QUITE A FEW PILLS

!
BUT WHATEVER'S HAPPENING BEHIND OUR BACKS, I'M SURE YUUCHAN IS ALIVE!

THAT GIRL'S PRETTY SHARP
HEH. SHE'S PRETTY WORLDWISE, THAT ONE

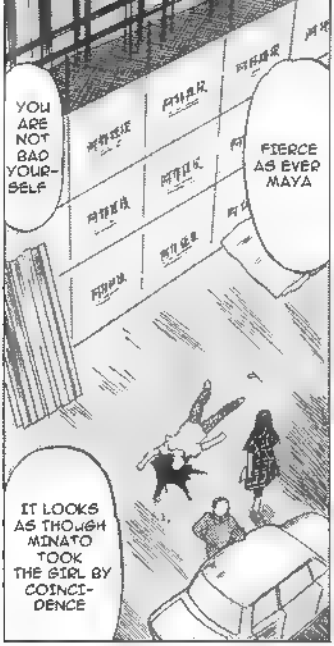
UH OH


GEEZ, CAN'T WE EVEN GET A LITTLE PRIVACY HERE?

WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS
USHIKUMA VILLAGE IS ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS FROM HERE
WE'VE ALREADY GOT A SEARCH PARTY ON STANDBY
uVuuuuuuh
O-OON'T KILL ME!
PLEASE!
THEN ANSWER MY QUESTION
THIS MORNING IN TAKADANOBABA, BEFORE DAWN, A KEY WITNESS IN THE BLOODY GANG-LAND MURDERS EARLIER THIS WEEK WAS REPORTED MISSING AFTER HE FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE POLICE AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEE---

WHERE HAS MINATO GONE AND WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO?
HE WAS STUDYING SOCIETY OR SOMETHIN HE SAID IT'S A CUSTOM IN HIS VILLAGE
THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
WELL THEN.
I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE GIRL?

PLEASE LADY, DON'T TELL ANYONE I TOLD YOU ANYTHING!!
IF HE FINDS OUT
MINATO WILL KILL ME!!
OF COURSE
NOW, STANO
THANK YOU
bakibaki
stab
HIIII!
?
?
I ONLY WANT TO SHOW YOU MY GRATI-TUDE


YOU ARE NOT BAD YOUR-SELF
FIERCE AS EVER MAYA
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MINATO TOOK THE GIRL BY COINCI-DENCE

OO---H

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HE'S ALREADY TRANSFORMED, SO HE MUST BE WORN OUT, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE SMELL OF OUR KIND IS TOO STRONG TO RESIST
HE KNOWS NOTHING OF OUR PLAN.

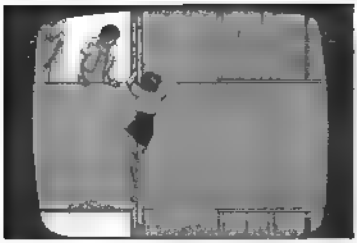
YES
TO THE MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER?
VROOM

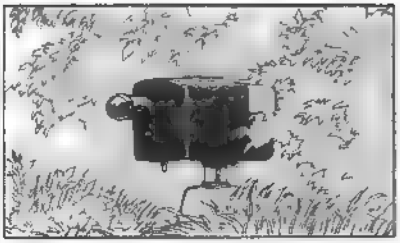
HAPPY NOW? DON'T EVEN THINK OF RUNNING AWAY!
PLEASE..
BRING ME .. BACK
WANT ME TO TRANS-FORM?!
I CAN DO A LOT WORSE THAN BEAT THE LIVING DAY-LIGHTS OUT OF YOU
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU BUT YOU KEEP PUSHING ME
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND?!
punch!!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT!
IT

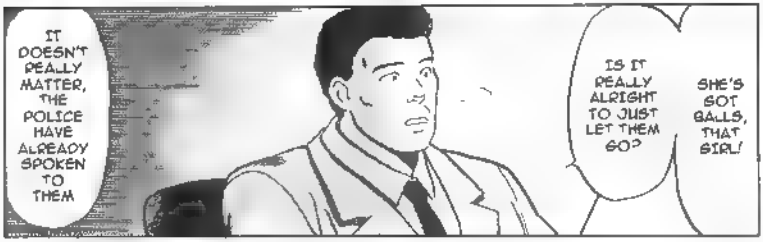
I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO BACK!"
YOU BELONG TO THIS VILLAGE NOW
YOU'VE GOT A FEVER DON'T YOU
COULD IT BE THE TRANSFORMATION'S STARTING?!

COULD IT BE I'LL DIE LIKE THIS
I HURTS IT'S HOT
WHAT'S APPENING TO MY BODY
BUT ONLY NOW HAS THE FEMALE FORM BEGUN TO MANIFEST
THERE'S NO MISTAKE, THE BLOOD IS FEMALE
KYOUKO-SAN!
WILL I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN..?
BECOMING A FEMALE..

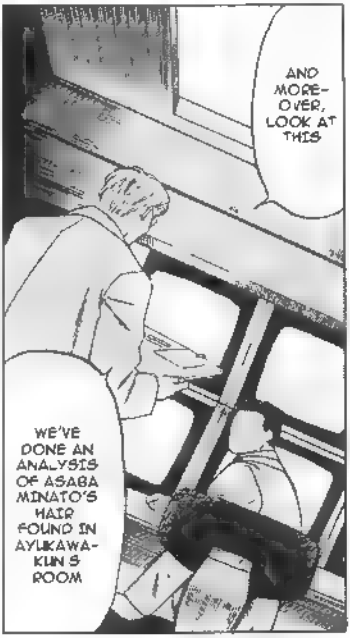
THE CEREMONY!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? WE CAN USE THIS DRAINAGE PIPE TO CLIMB DOWN!
EEEEH
BUT THIS IS THE 5TH FLOOR..
KYO-UKO-SAN
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 3 DAYS! THREE DAYS COOPED UP IN HERE WITH NO WORD AND NO INSTRUCTIONS!
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE WE CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING!

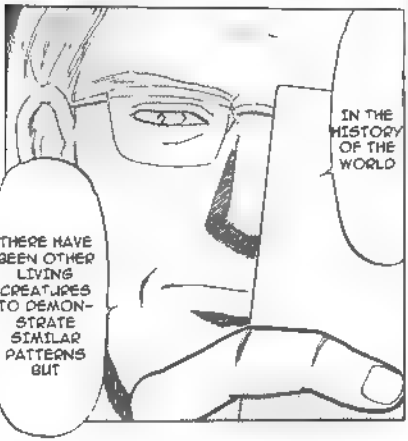





IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THEM
IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO JUST LET THEM GO?
SHE'S GOT BALLS, THAT GIRL!

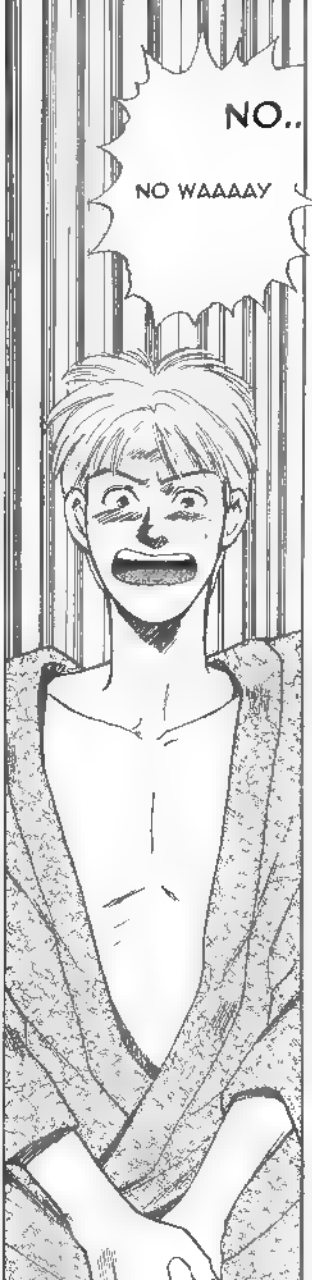
HE DOES DEMONSTRATE CLEAR TRAITS OF SELF-REGENE-RATION AND ACCELERATED CEREBRAL GROWTH
TRANS-FORMANT ONA? NON-HUMAN?


AND MORE-OVER, LOOK AT THIS
WE'VE DONE AN ANALYSIS OF ASABA MINATO'S HAIR FOUND IN AYUKAWA-KUN'S ROOM


IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD
THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER LIVING CREATURES TO DEMON-STRATE SIMILAR PATTERNS BUT

COULD IT BE THE TRANFORMATION'S STARTING?!
SINCE THEN..?
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN
.....
TRANSFORMATION?
NO WAY
BUT ONLY NOW HAS HE FEMALE FORM BEGUN TO MANIFEST..
HERE'S NO MISTAKE, THE BLOOD IS FEMALE

stomp
stomp
HEEEY, YOU'RE FEELING BETTER
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR 4 DAYS----
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, RIGHT?

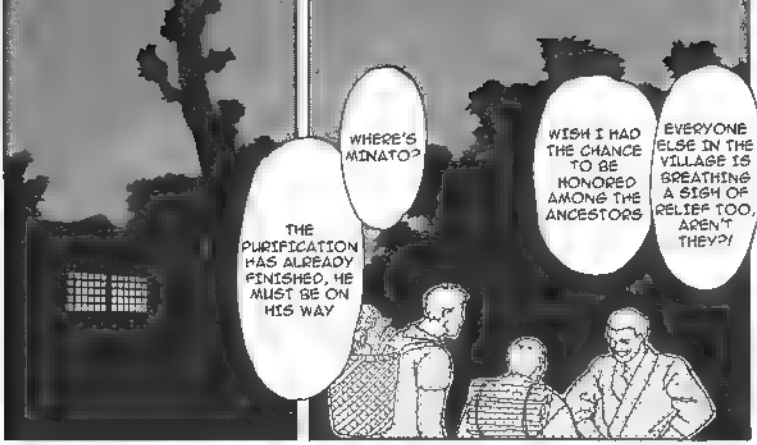

NO..
NO WAAAAY

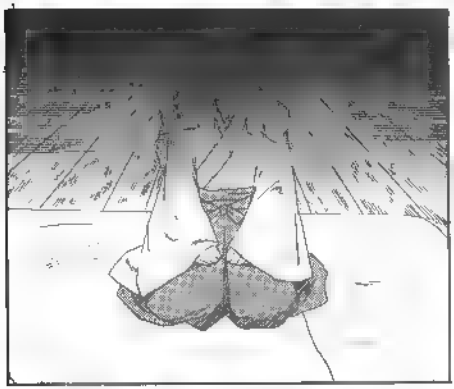
YOUR OWN BODY IS EVIDENCE!
B-BUT I M ENGAGED--
CAN YOU HOLD A WOMAN LIKE THIS, IDIOT?

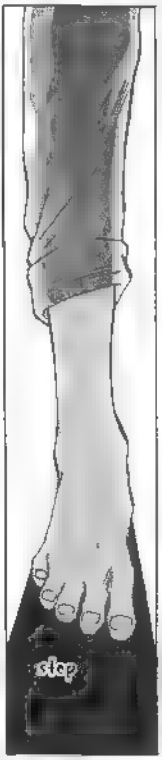
SEEEZ THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU TO 'GO HOME' TO' THIS IS HOME NOW'
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MY KID"
THIS IS SOME KIND OF JOKE.. I'M 97 YEARS OLD
AND I'M 100% POSITIVE THAT I WAS BORN MALE THIS IS RIDICULOUS

THOUGH I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS NEVER VERY MANLY
LOOK, HE'S FINALLY GOT IT AND HAS GONE CRAZY WITH HAPPINESS
nervous laughing
AHAHAHA HAHAHA
YES! 7TH!
I'M AT THE BOTTOM!
YOU MUST'VE CHEA-TED!!
pop
CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT

ALL THE MEN ARE VISITING THE SHRINE TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
SOON, THERE WILL BE AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON
IF THIS IS A DREAM...
splash
splash
PLEASE LET ME WAKE UP SOON


WHERE'S MINATO?
THE PURIFICATION HAS ALREADY FINISHED, HE MUST BE ON HIS WAY
WISH I HAD THE CHANCE TO BE HONORED AMONG THE ANCESTORS
EVERYONE ELSE IN THE VILLAGE IS BREATHING A SIGH OF RELIEF TOO, AREN'T THEY?!




slap

creak

HEY
I'M COMING IN

HYOO----- IT'S REALLY TRUE THAT FINE CLOTHES MAKE A MAN!
D-DO WHAT?
OUYO!
THIS TIME I M GOING TO DO IT FOR REAL
AAAH UMMMM
gu wa ha ha ha ha ha
I M GONNA HAVE SEX WITH YOU-
NO MORE 3 MINUTE HEAVEN! YOu GET THE F.u.L. COURSE!
roll

WAAA

.....
ALRIGHT, I AGREED TO LET KAZUI SWITCH PLACES WITH ME HE'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR VIRGINITY INSTEAD---
AND TO SHOW HIS GRATI-TUDE, HE'S GOING TO BRING ME MEAT FOR A WHOLE YEAR---
GYAA--
DON'T MOVE
kyuu~~~~
grumblegrumble
yank
AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH--
STOP STOP

?
?
BAKI
BAKI
BOKOO
MEKI-
BAKI-

GROWWWWWWWWWWWL
AH AAAH?
HISSSSSSSSSH
GWAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRR
KAZUI
SHIT

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, MINATO DON'T SCOLD HIM
EEEZ YOU HAVE THE WORST TASTE!
ASSHOLE, IS YOUR APPETITE BIGGER THAN YOUR SEX DRIVE?! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT HIM!
IDIOT!
SNACK!
WHA- WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING TO ME?
O-DON'T COME NEAR ME
THIS SAKE MIGHT HELP YOU CALM DOWN
ARE YOU HURT?
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANY-THING

AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU PULLING?!
HMPH
YOUR BODY IS MADE FOR THIS! YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL! WHO ON EARTH WOULD WANT TO IMPREGNATE A USELESS HUMAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW A DAMN THING?!
I DON'T KNOW

HE'S DEFINATELY A HUMAN, NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!!
HURRY UP AND GET RID OF HIM!!

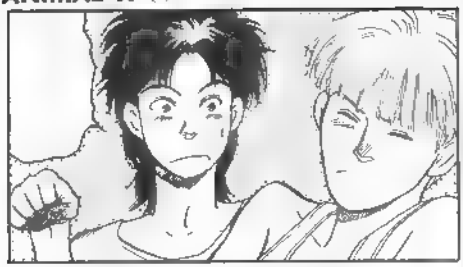
I DON'T KNOW..
DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR THIS GUY!

I'M GLAD HE DIDN'T EAT YOU...
STAND UP YOU'RE ALL COVERED IN DINO-DROOL NOW, AREN'T YOU?

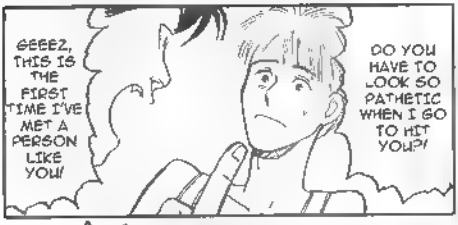
*NIHON SHIKI - ONE OF THE TWO OLDEST WRITTEN CHRONICLES OF JAPAN

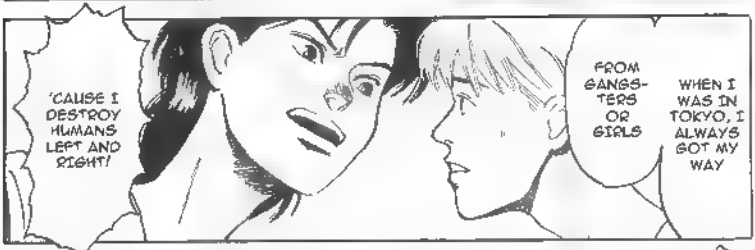
ARA-GAMI?
WE'RE ARA-GAMI
I'VE NEVER READ IT BUT IT'S IN THE NIHON SHIKI* ISN'T IT?
"ARAB-JRU KAMI", IT SAYS..
FROM LONG LONG AGO SINCE BEFORE EVEN WE CAN REMEMBER, WE'VE CARRIED THIS BLOOD-LINE..
EVEN LONG AGO IT SAYS THERE WERE VERY FEW WOMEN AMONG US AND SO DUE TO CLOSE INTERMARRIAGE OVER ALL THIS TIME THE BLOOD BECAME POLLUTED
AFTER A TIME ALL THE GIRLS BORN IN THIS TRIBE WERE BORN DEFORMED, WEAK OR WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM
HUMANS BELIEVE THAT PARENTS SHOULD RAISE THEIR CHILDREN DON'T THEY?
IT
IT'S NOT THE SAME WAY HERE?
MY REAL MOTHER HAD A HARD TIME GIVING BIRTH TO ME AND DIED RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN
SO OGACHA AND EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE RAISED ME TOGETHER THEY'RE LIKE MY PARENTS!
NOW THAT I TOLD YOU MINE YOU TELL ME YOUR STORY!

I..I WAS THE ONLY SON
I ALWAYS TOOK MY PARENTS WISHES VERY SERIOUSLY AND TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM
THE SCHOOL I WENT TO AND EVEN MY FUTURE WIFE, THEY DECIDED IT ALL FOR ME
---THEY CHOSE MY CAREER TOO, BUT
WHEN I'M LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES, TO DECIDE THINGS FOR MYSELF I GET SCARED AND JUST FREEZE UP I'M A USELESS EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN BEING
WELL THEN YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO BACK, DO YOU?!
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU STAYED HERE AND HAD LOTS OF CHILDREN!? THAT'S MEANINGFUL, ISN'T IT---- YOU WOULDN'T BE USELESS----------



WHY YOU
B-BUT IF YOU DON'T LET ME GO BACK


GEEEZ, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A PERSON LIKE YOU!
DO YOU HAVE TO LOOK SO PATHETIC WHEN I GO TO HIT YOU?!


'CAUSE I DESTROY HUMANS LEFT AND RIGHT!
FROM GANGS-TERS OR GIRLS
WHEN I WAS IN TOKYO, I ALWAYS GOT MY WAY

AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU COME FROM I...

GOT IT?
IF THERE AREN'T ANY CHILDREN, THIS VILLAGE WILL DIE OUT!

MINA-TOO
GYOU!
MINA
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER MET ANYONE THAT MAKES MY HEAD SPIN THIS WAY----!!
DAAAAA AAAAMN!!
I CAN'T DO IT---- SEEEZ-----
I WON'T MAKE YOU, BUT, WHEN YOU DECIDE YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME DO IT, TELL ME
OK. HAVE IT YOUR WAY
WHA-WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

YUUJI
JIN?
?
!!
WHO S THERE?
?
THIS SMELL!
WHO IS IT?!

B
A
K
I
GOBOOOO

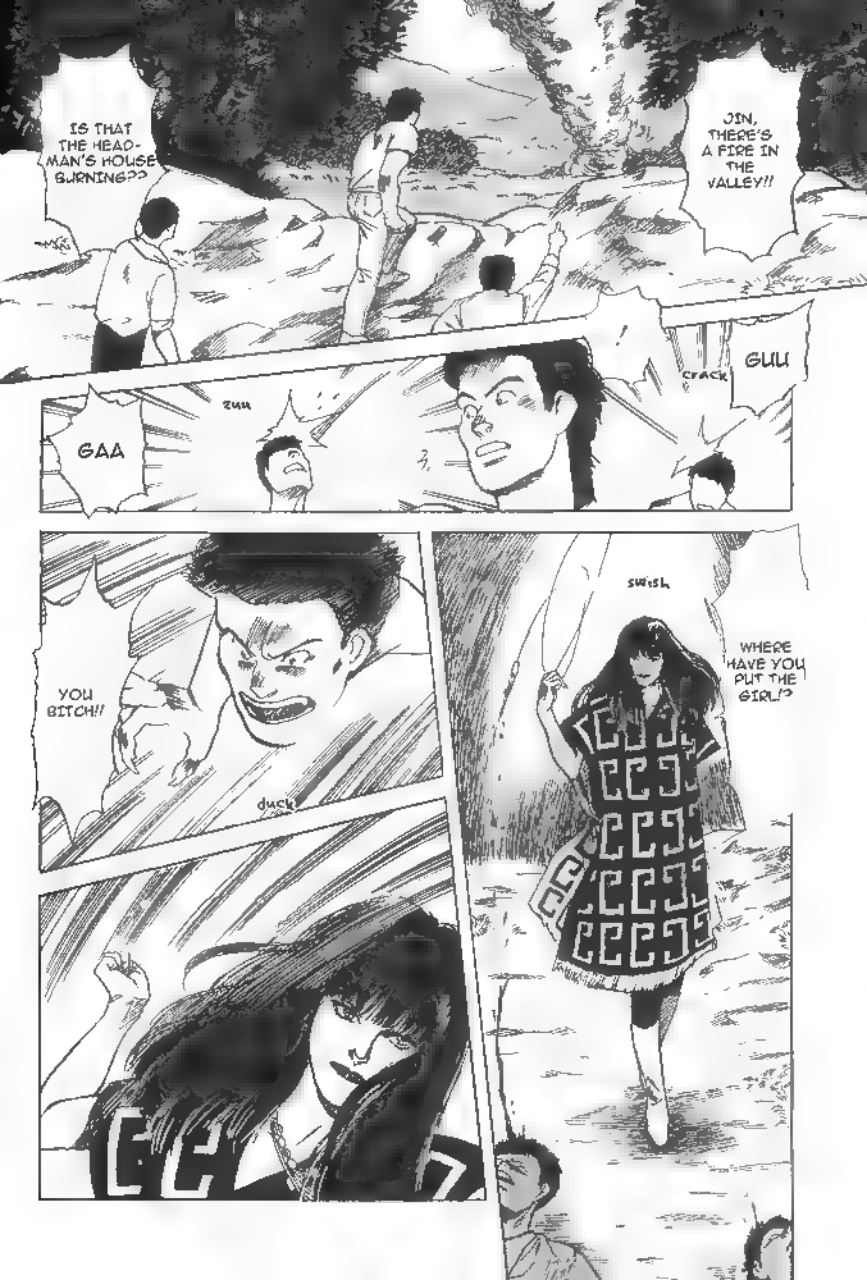
I TRANS-
FORMED
BUT
TOO LATE..
hiku
hiku
drop
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE HOW
DID YOU FIND
THIS PLACE?
ARE YOU
THE LEADER
OF THIS
VILLAGE?
I HAVE SOME-
THING TO
TALK TO YOU
ABOUT
I'VE LONG
DREAMED OF
THIS MOMENT,
GRANDMA

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE EVEN SEEN ONE.
"GIRL"? WHAT GIRL?
WE'RE HERE TO COLLECT THE GIRL FROM YOU
WE'RE KIN
WE COME FROM THE NORTH..

WHAT?!
SOME-ONE'S KILLED OGACHA!
OGA-CHA HAS BEEN-
HEAD-MAN!
HEAD-MAN, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

IT WAS YOUR GUY, WASN'T IT?!
YOU WOULD KILL AN UNARMED KINSMAN IN COLD-BLOOD?!
WAIT! CALM DOWN!
WE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THIS!!
GROWWWWWL....
KILL THEM!!
KILL THEM!!
AVENGE OGACHA
KILL THEM!!
TOO LATE, KILL THEM
WE'LL KILL YOU!!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
GYAAAAAAAA!!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!!
FLAME-THROWERS!
WHAT'S THIS?!
HIIII
GWAAAAAAR
ガアアッ


IS THAT THE HEAD-MAN'S HOUSE BURNING??
JIN, THERE'S A FIRE IN THE VALLEY!!
GAA
zun
crack
GUU
YOU BITCH!!
duck
swish
WHERE HAVE YOU PUT THE GIRL!?

AIKI!!
SWISH
SEARCH FOR THE GIRL!
BRING HER BACK HERE WITHOUT A FIGHT IF YOU CAN, KILL THE OTHER IF YOU MUST!!
WAWAAA!
GWARR
CHOMP
CRY

DOOO---N
EEH?
AND I CAN SMELL BURNING FLESH
I HEARD SCREAMING
?
?
grit
DON'T STAND THERE, GET DOWN

H/JUN!
WHAT ARE YOU *ALKING ABOUT*?
!!
TACKLE
SPLASH!!!
"HEY HELL"
BUT I HIT ONE AND WOUNDED HIM PRETTY BADLY

HE SHOULD BE AN EASY TARGET NOW!!
KEEP A LOOK-OUT
YOU'RE BLEEDING BADLY!
REST LET ME WRAP IT
SHUT UP!!
WE CAN TAKE COVER IN THIS CAVERN
splash
splash
HAA
HAA

HUH
NO GOOD, I CAN'T FAINT NOW!!
THEY SEEMED TO BE AIMING AT YOU!!
bashyaa!
ARE THOSE GUYS TRYING TO KILL YOU?!
LEAVING IT IN HURTS A LOT FUCKING MORE!!
I.. I CAN'T! IT LOOKS TOO TOO PAINFUL
PULL IT OUT FOR ME
---ALRIGHT, ON THREE
ONE.. TWO...
THREE

I I'M SORRY, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME
HERE, LEAN ON MY SHOULDER
IF YOU DIED NOW, YOU'D WORRY EVERYONE
ouch
ouch
ouch
ouch
DID IT HURT ?
DI
MINATO
HE'S SHORTER THAN ME PROBABLY NOT EVEN FULL GROWN, BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN SCREAM WHEN I PULLED OUT THE ARROW
AAAH WHEN I LOOK AT HIM THIS WAY, HE STILL LOOKS LIKE A KID..

HA-HANG IN THERE!!
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
IN THE JOMON PERIOD OUR ANCESTORS USED THESE CAVES
THIS TUNNEL LEADS TO WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN AN EXHIBITION HALL
SO IT'S JUST KIND OF LIKE A PREHISTORICAL SUBWAY TUNNEL?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WERE THEN IF WE WERE GODS OR NOT

YOUR VILLAGE HAS BEEN WIPED OUT!! YOU'RE THE LAST!!
DON'T MOVE!
HE'S HURT!! WON'T YOU HELP HIM?!
YOU'RE AYUKAWA YUUJI, AREN'T YOU?
!
IF YOU'LL COME WILLINGLY, I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOCTOR TADOKORO TO RETURN YOU TO THE LAB ALIVE
WHA-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? SHOOT HIM?
N. NO! I WON'T!
NOW LET GO OF THAT MONSTER!!

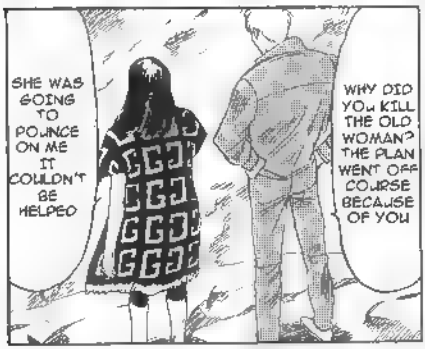
MINA
MINATO ?
IS "HIS "ARABU KAMI" S "TRUE FORM ?

GET UP!
MINATO!

MINATO!

MAYA

ONE TARGET IS MISSING FIVE HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY ID'D AS DEAD WE'RE BRINGING IN THE BODIES FOR DIS-SECTION
DOCTOR TADOKORO, THE VILLAGE IS IN FLAMES MISSION ACCOMP-LISHED


SHE WAS GOING TO POUNCE ON ME IT COULDN'T BE HELPED
WHY DID YOU KILL THE OLD WOMAN? THE PLAN WENT OFF COURSE BECAUSE OF YOU

THOUGH I GUESS THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD FROM THEIR WOUNDS BY NOW
ALONG WITH ASABA MINATO
BUT THE MAIN POINT OF THE MISSION WAS TO FIND THE FEMALE, AND SHE GOT AWAY
OH NO, BIG BOTHER, THEY'RE ALIVE, THOSE TWO
I KNOW IT
REALLY
I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN A MAN
I'LL ENJOY HUNTING THEM DOWN AND TEARING THEM TO PIECES
NO MATTER HOW MY PREY RUNS, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE ON THEIR HEELS

I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT REAL EXCAVATION METHODS, DO THEY?
AND I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO VISIT THIS PLACE SINCE I HEARD ABOUT IT IN ARCHEOLOGY CLASS
THOUGH... THAT FAR INTO THE MOUNTAINS YOU'D THINK IT WOULD SPREAD
NAH, TOO MUCH SMOKE, SOMEONE MUST BE BURNING GRASS
WHAT'S THAT? A MOUNTAIN FIRE?
!
TCH. SMELLS LIKE HUMANS...
?
THIS IS...
IT'S THE EXIT!!
SI--SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY RETURNED TO NORMAL I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL!!

THEY HAVEN'T GOT WEAPONS
THEY MUST'VE COME TO SEE THE RUINS.
YOU CAN GO
GO HOME
YOU CAN ASK THOSE GUYS... TO HELP YOU.
OUR WOUNDS HEAL FASTER THAN NORMAL
IDIOT! I'M NOT HUMAN, RIGHT? IF I WENT TO A PLACE LIKE A HOSPITAL, WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO ME!
YOU'RE HURT YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL
C... COME WITH ME...
I WON'T GO

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF IN THE MOUN-TAINS
I WANT TO HIT YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW!!
YOU SAID SO, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU HAVE PARENTS AND A WOMAN!
I WON'T LEAVE YOU AND..
THAT WON'T CHANGE IF YOU HIT ME

YUUJI..
REALLY SOMETHING.. YOU'LL NEVER LISTEN TO ANYTHING I SAY, WILL YOU?
YOU'RE..
ANIMAL X ◆END

MINATO-KUN'S COLLECTION OF NOT ALL SO CUTE

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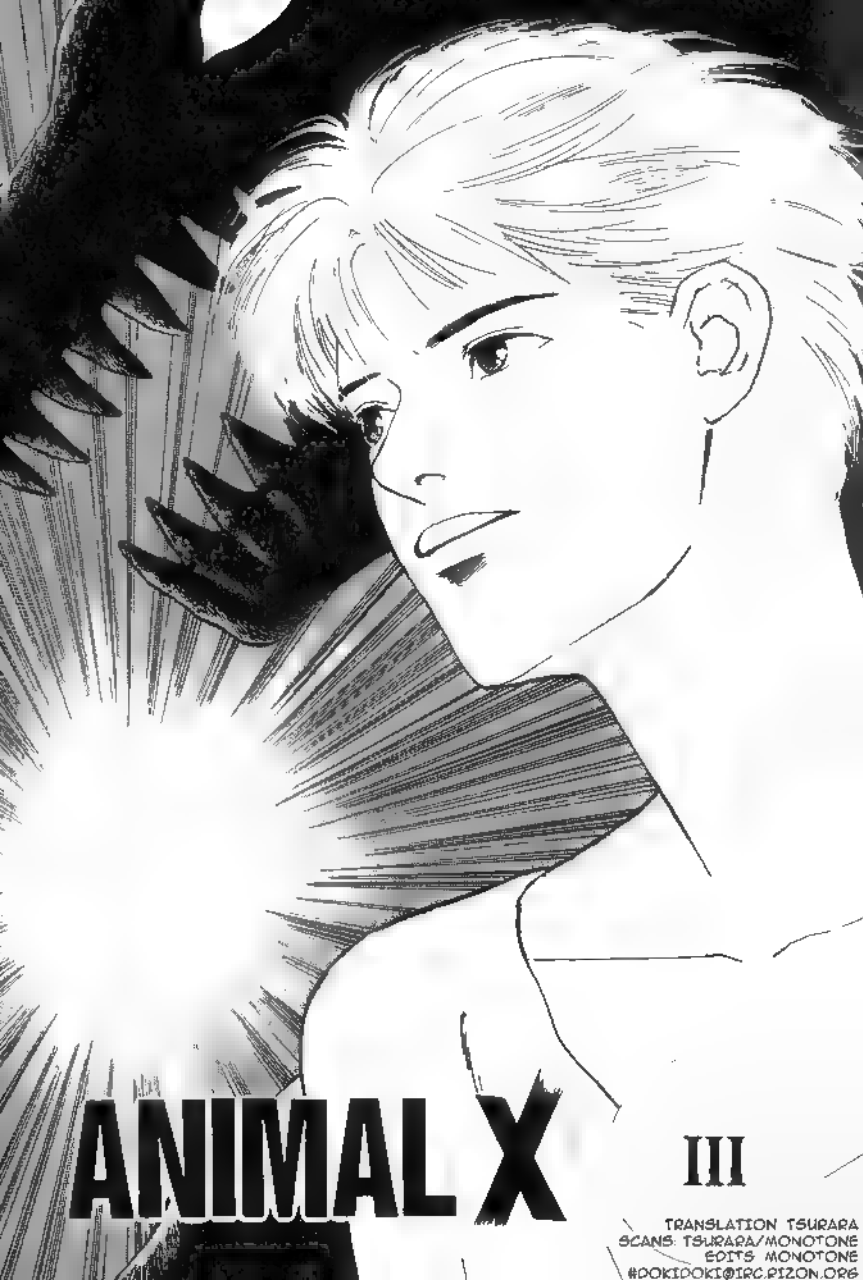
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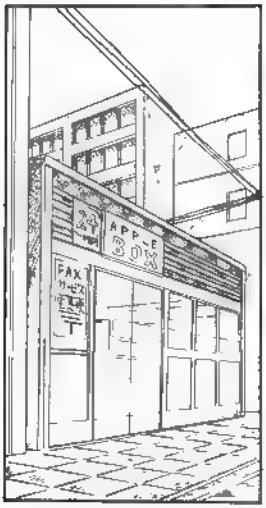
AKITA-
POLICE DEPART-MENT
SAT-OKO
IT'S A LIE!! WHERE'S THIS EVIDENCE YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT?! I WANT TO SEE IT!!
LIES!!
I'M REALLY VERY SORRY ABOUT THE WHOLE AFFAIR
WE'RE CONDUCTING AN INVESTI-GATION TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY
AS FOR WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE CONDITION OF THE CORPSE IT SEEMS CON-SISTANT WITH A BEAR ATTACK
BUT THE AUTOPSY RESULTS, BLOOD SAMPLES AND DENTAL RECORDS ALL CONFIRM YOUR SON'S DEATH---

I'M SURE THAT YUU-CHAN IS...
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING NOW FOR BASAN'S SAKE BUT I'M SURE YUU-CHAN
HE JUICE APE MANIPULATING EVIDENCE TOO?
JWAAAAAH
OBA-SAN!!
squeal
BAN!

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, TAKATORI-SAN
KANSAI MAFIA YAGUMI BRANCH, OSAKA HQ
AS YOU KNOW, 8 OF OUR GANG OPERATIVES WERE KILLED IN TOKYO RECENTLY
AS AN INSIDER WITH THE POLICE, I'VE RECIEVED INFORMATION THAT THE KILLINGS ARE NOT THE RESULT OF AGGRESSION FROM ANOTHER GANG
THIS IS FROM AN UNIDENTI-FIED THUG ON THE SCENE HIS NAME IS "ASABA MINATO"
I DON'T CARE WHAT MEANS YOU USE BUT THIS KID HAS FUCKED WITH FAMILY

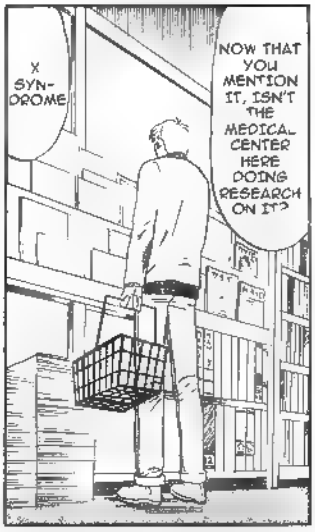

APPLE BOX
FAX

FIND HIM
AND KILL HIM!!

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT THERE'S AT LEAST A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN AMERICA WITH IT!!
YEAH, LIKE OUT OF NOWHERE SHE GOT X SYNDROME
HYAAAA-- AN AMERICAN ACTRESS WAS AFFECTED?!

THEY SAY IT'S A WEIRD KIND OF VIRUS THAT CAME FROM SPACE
THERE ARE STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE INFECTED IN JAPAN TOO

BUT AS OF NOW IT'S A DISEASE THAT HASN'T GOT AN ANTI-BODY
DAY LIVE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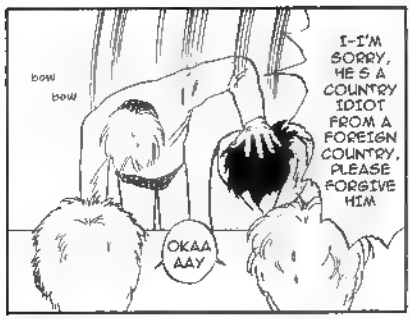
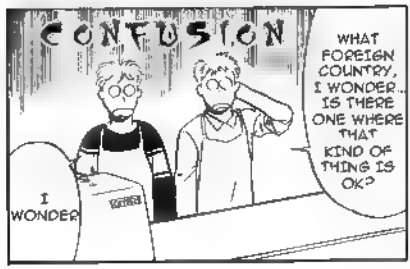
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ISN'T THE MEDICAL CENTER HERE DOING RESEARCH ON IT?

WAAA
DAY LIVE


bow bow
I-I'M SORRY, HE S A COUNTRY IDIOT FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY, PLEASE FORGIVE HIM
OKAA AAY

MINATO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


CONFUSION
WHAT FOREIGN COUNTRY, I WONDER.. IS THERE ONE WHERE THAT KIND OF THING IS OK?
I WONDER

CHE-- WHEN I WENT TO TOKYO BEFORE THAT WAS THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO GET MONEY--
WHEN YOU'RE ..IVING WITH HUMANS YOU NEED TO FOLLOW HUMAN RU-RULES EVERYONE IN SOCIETY MAKES THEM
IN-IN ANY CASE
AND IF THE STORE GUYS HAD ANY-THING TO SAY ABOUT IT, I PUNCHED 'EM OUT!
AH, I MADE A SIDE-DISH OUT OF THE LEFT-OVER VEGE-TABLES.
HEEEEEH
AND THIS ONE?
BEEF AND PEPPERS FRIED IN OIL
WHAT IS THAT?
IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THEM, THEN NO ONE CAN LIVE EASILY.

I-I LEARNED HOW TO DO A LOT OF THINGS THAT AREN'T REALLY MANLY
WELL I LIVED ON MY OWN IN AN APART-MENT, DURING COLLEGE
AMAZING--- WHY DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DO THIS STUFF---?
I NEVER COOKED ANYTHING IN MY LIFE
I WAS AN ONLY CHILD, SO I NEVER HAD ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS BUT
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT IF I'D HAD A LITTLE BROTHER--- THIS IS WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE
...I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE
BUT LEARNING TO DO THAT KIND OF THING IS USEFUL, ISN'T IT? DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A GIRL OR A GUY
IS THERE ANY RICE LEFT?
WHEN YOU'RE LIKE THIS I THINK

AAAH--- I ATE A LOT
WAS IT ENOUGH?
IT WAS ENOUGH!! NOW, AFTER THE APPETITE COMES
THE SEX DRIVE
POW
NCE
WA
MI-MINATO
LOOK, I'M NOT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER!!
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO!!

SHUT UP!!
MINATO
MINATO
MI
THEN I'LL TEACH YOU-
WITH A GIRL AND OF COURSE.. NEVER WITH A GUY
TO-TO TELL THE TRUTH I.. I'M EMBARASSED TO ADMIT THAT AT MY AGE I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE
17 THAT'S EVEN MORE EMBARASSING--
Y-YOU'RE
BU... BUT I'M 17 AND
DING
DONG
!
WA WA WA!?
I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF RELIEVED TO HEAR NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER HAD THEIR HANDS ON YOU. THAT MEAN'S YOU'RE MINE

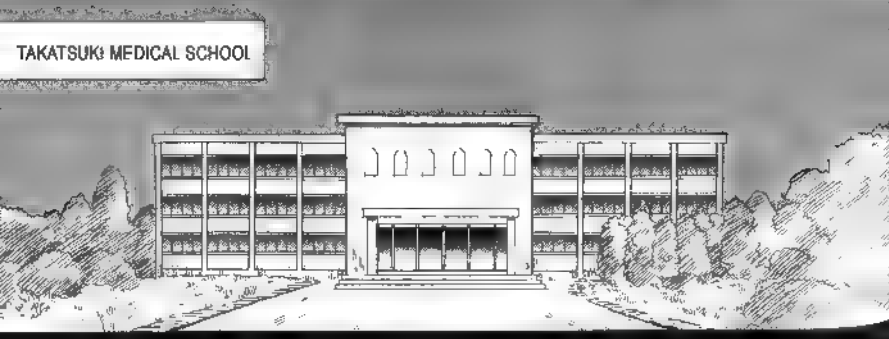
GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE CITIZENS FOR SOCIETY COMM.TTEE AND WE'RE DISTRI-BUTING SPECIAL LEAFLETS
GOING BACK TO NATURE
ONE ISSUE IS A 200 YEN DONA-TION
COM-ING
WAH
IG-NORE EM
I GET TO GO FIRST
BUT THE-THE DOOR
MIN-ATO?
AH YOU BOUGHT IT
CULT REC-RUIT-MENT, HUH
MINATO.

EVEN NOW, I GUESS YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD
THAT TIME---
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WOULD LEAVE BUT YOU REALLY STAYED WITH ME
I LOST MY VILLAGE AND EVERYTHING I EVER KNEW I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT I WOULD BE LEFT ALL ALONE
I WAS SCARED
MINATO

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE AN ADULT AND ALL AND THAT YOU KNOW LOTS OF THINGS I DON'T
BUT
I WANT TO BE AS CLOSE TO YOU AS I CAN.
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO BACK TO
AND I WON'T EVER HIT YOU AGAIN

MINATO.
PLEASE LET ME BE WITH YOU
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU ACT THIS WAY TO ME BEFORE
WHAT SHOULD I DO ? I'M NOT USED TO THIS!!
I I'LL DEFINATELY COME BACK THOUGH!!
I-I CAN'T HELP IT I REALLY CAN'T COME BACK RIGHT NOW SO DON'T TELL MY PARENTS ANYTHING!!
YUU-CHAN? IS IT REALLY YOU, YUU-CHAN?
O-- OKAY
IN THE MEANTIME .. I WANT YOU TO GO AND GET A HOTEL, TAKE MY CASH CARD AND MY DRIVER'S LISCENCE AND USE THAT TO PAY FOR IT!
KYOUKO-CHAN!

BUT I'M NOT THE SAME ME I WAS BEFORE
NOISY BOYISH, AND KIND KYOUKO-CHAN
THE KYOUKO-CHAN THAT WAS ALWAYS SO STRONG AND VIBRANT WAS (CRYING) ON THE TELEPHONE
SORRY
KYOUKO-CHAN, ARE YOU CRYING?
I CAN'T GO BACK
I WON'T UNTIL MY BODY HAS GONE BACK TO NORMAL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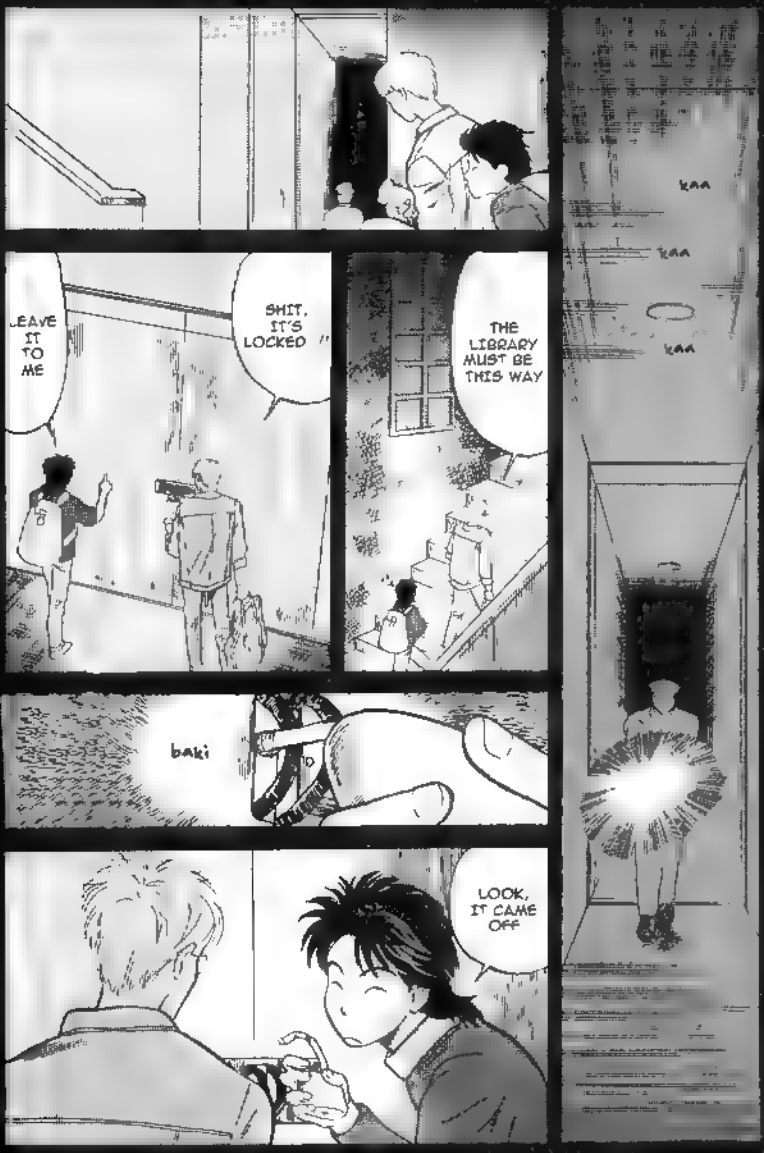
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THE LIBRARY MUST BE THIS WAY
SHIT, IT'S LOCKED
LEAVE IT TO ME
baki
LOOK, IT CAME OFF

CREAK
AM DID I ALREADY PUT IN THE TAPE FILE AND THE
ALL THIS
UM WELL
REAL QUIET ABOUT IT

IF THEY TRY ANY-THING, I'LL KILL THEM
?
I CAN RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS BU- IT S ALRIGHT THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM
BUT WE CAN'T LE' OUR GUARD DOWN I'M SURE SOME-ONE S PROBABL- TAILING US
MIN-ATO
WITH HUMANS IT S NOT QUITE THA' EASY
WHY NO'?' WHY IS IT WRONG TO KILL GUYS WHO WAN' TO KILL ME'
EVEN BAD GUYS' DON'T DEFEND ALL HUMANS TOGETHER ON PRINCIPLE''
B-BECAUSE EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FAMILIES AND IF YOU KILL THEM, THOSE PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY CRY
I AM HUMAN

YOU'RE SPECIAL
I'LL SHOW YOU, I'M SURE THAT GUY PUT IT IN THESE FILES
DINO-- (AS IN DINO-SAUR)?
THE GENE IS CALLED "DINO-SAUROID"?
THE REMNANT SPECIES OF DINOSAUR THAT WHICH WAS ABLE TO ADAPT TO ITS SURROUNDINGS RATHER THAN DIE OFF, IS CALLED "DINOSAUROID"
IS THIS TALKING ABOUT US..?
DINO-SAUROID..

IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD ARCHEOLOGY HAS REVEALED MORE DATA ABOUT THE SPECIES BY UNCOVERING BITS AND PIECES OF FOLKLORE, RELICS, AND FOSSILS AND A FEW ISOLATED STUDIES AND COLLECTIONS HAVE RESULTED
WITH THE FINAL CONCLUSION THAT THE "DINOSAUROID" RACE DID INDEED EXIST
THEY USUALLY APPEAR AS NORMAL HUMANS BUT TRANSFORM IN CERTAIN STATES OF DISTRESS
ALL BETTER NOW--
DEGENERATION AND DAMAGE TO NERVE AND SINEW AND BLOOD CAN BE REPAIRED WITHOUT INTERVENTION BUT THERE IS A TENDENCY FOR DEFORMITIES AND IRREGULARITIES IN FEMALES
VARIOUS ANCIENT RECORDS AND MYTHS MAKE REFERENCE TO BEASTS WHICH SERVED NATURE AND DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS HUMANS
AND BY THE TIME OF CHRIST, THESE MYTHS HAD SPREAD THROUGH THE CONTINENT OF EURASIA, INTO MAYAN AND AZTEC CULTURES, AS WELL AS INTO AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MYTH
IT SAYS HERE THAT THERE ARE ALSO JOMON PERIOD MYTHS, AND SOME FROM THE AINU* AND RYUUKYUU ISLANDS** TOO!!
THAT'S IT LIKE THE "ARAGAMI" IN JAPAN...

* AINU - NATIVE PEOPLES OF HOKKAIDO
** RYUUKYUU ISLANDS - THE OKINAWAN ARCHIPELAGO

IT'S LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING ABOUT AN EXPERIMENTAL COMBINATION OF HUMAN AND DINOSAUROID DNA
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THIS FLOPPY
REPRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES SHOULD BE HERMAPHRODITIC IN SUMMARY, CAPABLE OF BREEDING TO CREATE VIABLE OFFSPRING WITH BOTH HUMAN AND DINOSAUROID
NO WAY THIS IS.
GENDER AT BIRTH MALE, XXY PARENTS HAD OPTED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
HEY, ARE THESE DOCUMENTS ALL WRITTEN ABOUT YOU, YUUJI?
ME ?

YUUJI?
MY BODY CHANGING BACK...
THAT MEDICINE THEY MADE ME TAKE
THEY TRICKED ME AND USED ME THOUGHT I WOULD MAKE A NICE GUINEA PIG
WHAT'S WRONG?!
IT'S IMP-OSSI-BLE
WHAT?

YUUJI..
I'M JUST A TOOL FOR THEM TO TEST OUT A CROSS-BREED..
PITI-FUL
AND THEN THE LIES ABOUT MY REAL GENDER
D-DON'T CRY!
YUUJI!!
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO BACK TO NOW!!
I'M HERE, RIGHT?!
YOUR LIFESTYLE UNTIL NOW WITH YOUR PARENTS, YOUR GIRL AND WHATEVER
CAN'T I TAKE THEIR PLACE?
I DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT YOU, YUUJI!!

Ah, my glasses..
wipe
SO QUIT WHIM-PERI---ING
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, IT CAN'T BE HELPED-

MINATO

I M SORRY

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE FELT LONEY OR SAD...
I REALLY AM WEAK
BUT WHERE SHOULD WE GO FROM HERE I HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY BEFORE

BYUUUUUU
YOU'RE STILL AWAKE, YUUJI?
YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED LOOKING AT THOSE REPORTS YET?
F.M.W
HOKKAIDO, TOHOKU, KYUUSHUU AND OKINAWA
THERE'S DATA ON DINOSAUR-OIDS IN ALL THESE PLACES!
THERE'S EVEN DATA ON USHIKUMA VILLAGE "50 PEOPLE IN AN AREA OF 4 SQUARE KILOMETERS"
TADO-KORO WHAT DOES HE WANT?
IS HE GOING TO STUDY YOU AND ME TOO?
IT'S LIKE THIS IS SOME SORT OF PROJECT TO MERGE HUMANS AND DINOSAUROIDS AS A SPECIES

BUT ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE? THIS IS ALL FUNDED BY JAPAN'S LEADING BIO-CHEMICAL RESEARCH GROUP WITH FULL INDUSTRY BACKING
THERE'S STILL SUCH A THING AS "BIO-ETHICS" ISN'T THERE?
ITS A WORD FROM GREEK FOR "LIFE" (BIO) AND "MORALITY" (ETHICS)
IT MEANS YOU NEED TO HAVE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THINGS YOU DO FOR SCIENCE
IF HE DIDN'T CONSIDER THIS IN HIS RESEARCH, HE'D BE WIDELY CRITICIZED
HE'S TOTALLY DISREGARDING MY RIGHTS---

BUT SCIENCE HAS GROWN TO ECLIPSE NATURE--- IF LIFE HAD RETAINED IT'S EXCLUSIVE CLAIM ON POWER, WHAT WOULD HAVE BECOME OF HUMANITY?
"THE CREATION OF DIOXINS POLLUTION, AND THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IT'S ALL THE SAME----
"ADVANCEMENT CAN NOT ALWAYS BE MADE WITHOUT THE INFLICTION OF DEEP WOUNDS"

!!
SOMEONE S COMING THIS WAY!
YUU-JI!!
NORMAL HUMANS COULDN'T CLIMB UP TO THE 13TH FLOOR WINDOW SO EASILY
THESE ARE DINOSAUROIDS!!

click
EXCUSE ME, I HEARD THE NOISE AND CAME TO SEE
WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT?
NOW, NOW
WAAAH, WAAAAH
WHAT A CUTE BABY
BABIES OFTEN CRY AT NIGHT
OH IT'S NOTHING
HIKKU
ALMOST LIKE I COULD EAT IT
WHITE AND SOFT
THAT'S ODD HE STOPPED CRYING...

BIG BROTHER YOU TOLD ME THAT HUMANS WERE WATERY AND NOT VERY GOOD ANYWAY
MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T EAT HUMANS FOR AWHILE
"THIS MYSTERY VIRUS MAY SPELL MANKIND'S EVENTUAL DOOM" HUH.
DR TADOKORO
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FOUR WAIT
HOW ABOUT ASABA MINATO? DID YOU GET HIM TOO ?
WELL? DID YOU FINALLY FIND OUR GIRL?
SUR-PRISING, TO SAY THE LEAST
I'M SURE THAT AYUKAWA-KUN HAS FOUND THE CONTENTS
IT SEEMS SOME OF MY RESEARCH FROM MY DAYS AT OSAKA UNIVERSITY HAS GONE MISSING
SURELY THEY'LL FOLLOW THE REPORT AND GO SOUTH LOOKING FOR THE VILLAGES THERE
I GUESS WE CAN'T OVERLOOK THIS DEVE-LOPMENT ..

I... THINK I'LL BE HEADING TO OSAKA FROM HERE
SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM TO ME
FOR YOUR LITTLE HUMAN-DINOSAUROID CROSS-BREEDING EXPERIMENT, RIGHT
IN ANY CASE, I WANT TO GUARANTEE THEIR RETURN TO ME FOR USE IN THE FUTURE
HOWEVER, AYUKAWA KUN HAS RUN OFF WITH MATERIALS FROM MY RESEARCH STUDENT DAYS THAT ARE QUITE VALUEABLE TO ME AND ARE ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUING MY WORK
HEY, YOU GUYS
SORRY TO INTRUDE
S-SORRY
THE WIND IS PRETTY STRONG TONIGHT AND THE WINDOW STUCK
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA SNEAKING AROUND LIKE THAT, YOU SCARED THE SHIT OUT OF US!!

THE RUMOR ABOUT THE GIRL WAS TRUE, WASN'T IT
WE'RE KIN
BUT--
WE'RE FROM THE KYUUSHUU VILLAGE, ARE YOU ASABA MINATO?
BEING POSSESSIVE IS A HUMAN TRAIT
FEMALES ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY
HEY
COME A LITTLE CLOSER TOOTS
HEY!
DON'T TOUCH HIM. HE'S NOT YOURS

THE YUTA* THERE MUST HAVE SHARED A CLAIRVOIYANT BOND WITH THE MIKO** IN THE VILLAGE
OKIN-AWA ?
WE ALSO GOT NEWS OF USHIKUMA VILLAGE'S DESTRUCTION FROM THE GUYS IN OKINAWA
*AN OKINAWAN SHAMAN (FEMALE)
**SHINTO SHRINE MAIDEN
AND THEY SENT US TO USHIKUMA VILLAGE TO SEE FOR OUR-SELVES
THEY CAN SENSE THAT THIS IS NO ORDINARY MATTER
!!
TO AVOID A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE GIRL ALL THE VILLAGES OF OUR KIN ARE COMING OUT OF ISOLATION
WHEN WE WENT TO USHIKUMA VILLAGE IT WAS BURNED TO ASHES IT WAS TERRIBLE
BUT IT'S UNTHINKABLE THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN TO OUR KIN.. WAS IT HUMANS? WE THOUGHT
DON'T TOUCH HIM!!
I'LL KILL YOU!!
ISN'T IT ALRIGHT JUST TO TOUCH?
WHY? WORRIED SHE'LL LIKE ME BETTER?

WE FOUND THIS
PULLED IT OUT OF THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE DEAD BODIES
IT'S CALLED A "KITE" IT'S WORKS A BIT LIKE A WHIP AND A PROJECTILE COMBINED
IT WAS BEEN DIPPED IN ACONITE POISON.. IT ALSO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A TRADITIONAL WEAPON OF THE AINU AND OUR BROTHERS IN HOKKAIDO
ENTERS THE FLESH THE BARB DETACHES AND FORMS A BARB THAT CAN'T BE REMOVED WITHOUT TEARING THE FLESH
BUT ONE OF US HAD TO SELL THEM THE INFORMATION..
WE THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS THE ONES FROM HOKKAIDO
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU CAME TO OKINAWA SOON AND MET THE ELDER YOURSELVES
UNTIL THEN THE FUTURE OF OUR ENTIRE RACE IS UP IN THE AIR

BATAN!!
HEY HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD DID HE?!
N NO
I'LL TEAR HIM TO PIECES!!
FROM NOW ON IF ANY GUY DOES ANYTHING FUNNY TO YOU OTHER THAN ME
F.M
MINATO
MAYBE.. I REALLY AM ACTING LIKE A HUMAN?
BUT I WANT YOU ALL TO MYSELF, YUUJI

MINATO
NEVER SEEMS TO MAKE PROMISES TO ME THAT HE DOESN'T INTEND TO KEEP..
HE'S AWKWARD, VIOLENT, AND CHILDISH, BUT...
IT'S TOTALLY REAL...
YA KNOW, I'VE NEVER RIDDEN IN AN AIRPLANE
THIS ISN'T A FIELD-TRIP----
UH
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE
THEY'RE LEAVING!
ALRIGHT, NOW

SORRY, BUT NOT THIS TIME YOU LITTLE SHIT
NOW GET IN THE CAR!!
WILL YOU GIVE US THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY, ASABA MINATO?
WE'RE THE YAGUMI FAMILY
IF NOT, YOU'LL GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF OF YUUJI
REALLY WANT ME TO KILL YOU GUYS?
SHUT UP!!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?
MI-MINATOO!!
EEH? THOSE IDIOTS WERE YAKUZA?!
WE CAN'T JUST LET YOU GET AWAY WITH KILLING THE BOSS'S GUYS IN TOKYO, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD A LITTLE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR BROTHERS
AREN'T WE, BOY?
HYAAA
DON'T KILL THEM EASILY
I WANT IT TO BE SLOW AND PAINFUL
INTERE-STING

I GET IT
YOU WANTED A FIGHT, SO YOU BROUGHT US TO A PLACE WITH PLENTY OF ROOM TO KICK YOUR ASSES
NAH
I'D KILL YOU BEFORE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO KILL YUUJI
I'M SURE OF IT!
MIN-ATO
ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOUR FRIEND DIES!!
HEY YOU ARE?
WHAT THE..
ARE YOU A GUY? OR A GIRL?
?
!

STOP IT!!
AL-RIGHT!!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK UNDER-NEATH
FEELS ALMOST LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH
WANT US TO KILL YOU BEFORE OR AFTER THE SHOW?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
EVEN MORE UNBELIEVEABLE THAN THE CHANGE
IS BEING IN THIS CREEP'S ARMS
NYTHING LIKE YOU. HE WAY YOU SHOULD TOUCH A WOMAN
!!
EVEN I KNOW THAT THIS ISN'T
THIS IS

I SEE
WELL THIS IS A SUR-PRISE
YOU REALLY DO HAVE BOTH DON'T YOU
MI
MINATO
GYAAA
baki
meki
!!
HEY

HEY!!
GROWWWWWWWWWWL...

GROWWWWWWWWWWWW
S'OP DON'T KILL HIM!"
DASH
MINA'O!!

MINA'O
MINA'O
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

lick
STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
I'M NOT EVEN A LITTLE FRIGHTENED.
AS IF ANYTHING ABOUT YOU COULD SCARE ME ANYMORE
YOU HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED A BIT, HAVE YOU?
SHALL WE BE ON OUR WAY SOUTH?

WE SAIL FOR KYUUSHUU, VIA OSAKA, AT DAWN
ROGER, I'LL RELAY THE MESSAGE TO OKINAWA
BE CAREFUL WITH THAT MESSAGE, WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT IF IT'S INTERCEPTED
!
WHAT IS IT?
CAN'T BE HELPED, WE CAN'T LEAVE OUR VILLAGE UNPROTECTED ANY LONGER
TOO BAD ABOUT THE GIRL THOUGH ISN'T IT?
HOW MANY TIMES IS IT NOW THAT WE'VE DONE THE DIRTY WORK FOR OKINAWA AND GOTTEN NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT?
I EXPECT AN APOLOGY
OUR VILLAGE HAS A SHORTAGE OF WOMEN TOO!

WAIT!
HEY!! I-IT'S ANOTHER GIRL!! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
I'M FROM THE HOKKAIDO VILLAGE
AND YOU'VE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH ASABA MINATO, I PRESUME?
WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN USHIKUMA VILLAGE THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN JUST HUMANS!!
SOMEONE MUST HAVE TOLD THEM WHERE TO FIND US
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THERE DON'T YOU?!
WHAT HAPPENED?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF "THE ONWARD MARCH OF TECHNOLOGY"?
PERHAPS YOU'RE EVEN HERE TO STOP IT
YOU'RE SCREWING WITH US..
leap
WE'VE PUT UP WITH YOUR RIDDLES THIS LONG
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU COOPERATE?

HEY
DON'T!!
I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU BACKED OFF
UH. SUUUU
UH.
drip

GAA
Wisss
SO... SO THAT'S IT POISONED FANGS
slide
I DID WARN YOU
I SAID IT WOULD BE BEST TO BACK OFF
BITCH!!
UU.

BUWAA
CRUNCH CRUNCH
GRAB
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
CAN'T BE"
TH THIS
WHAT'S WRONG?"
ANSWER ME" WHAT'S HAPPENED?

EH?
IF YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I'VE CHANGED
KYO-UKO-CHAN
YOU WOULD WORRY EVEN MORE.. WOULDN'T YOU?

HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU'RE MAKING ME WORRY?

YUU-CHAN?

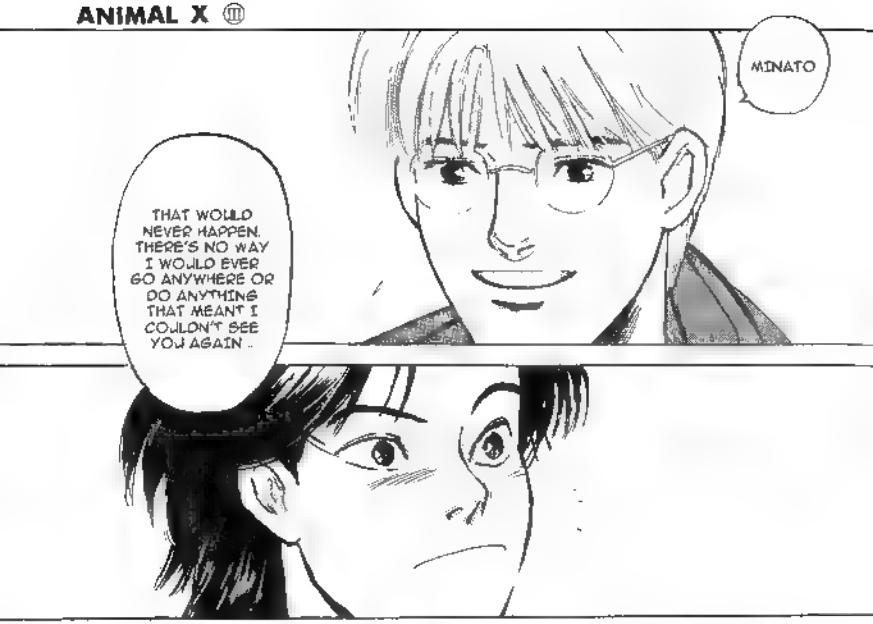
LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO GO TO OKINAWA FROM HERE
BUT I'M ALRIGHT!! I CAN'T TALK NOW BUT, I'LL DEFINA-TELY BE BACK!!

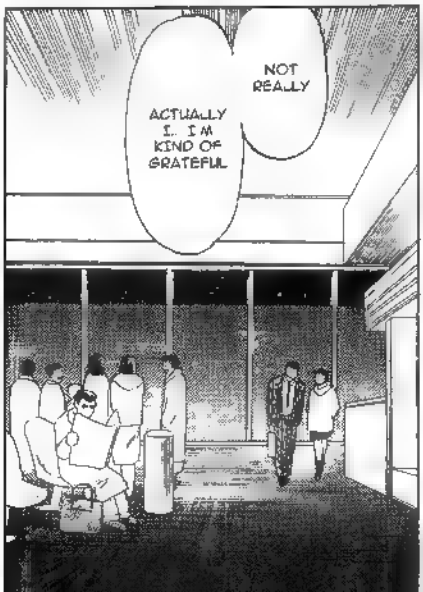
AH!! SEE YA!! I M HANGING UP!!
YUUJII

IT S THE COMPE-TITION ISN'T IT?! THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SAY!!
UM. THAT'S--- KIND OF
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?!

WHO WAS THAT WITH HIM?
?

I KNOW THAT SOMEDAY YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA GO BACK
I GUESS I MADE YOU FEEL BAD BUT I
SORRY
I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN AND I HATE THINKING ABOUT IT
MINATO
AND IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE LEAVING ME BEHIND..


MINATO
THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD EVER GO ANYWHERE OR DO ANYTHING THAT MEANT I COULDN'T SEE YOU AGAIN..


ACTUALLY I.. I'M KIND OF GRATEFUL
NOT REALLY

YOU'RE AMAZED, AREN'T YOU?
AAAAARGH!! I'M ACTING LIKE SUCH A STUPID KID TODAY JUST FORGET IT

SOMEHOW... WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER FOR MY SAKE, IT FEELS GOOD...
YOU'VE SAVED ME MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT
AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU REALLY CARE A LOT ABOUT ME
I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T THINK OF ME AS ANYTHING BUT A LITTLE BROTHER, YUUJI
IT WAS BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS WENT AFTER YOU
I ONLY FIGHT SO QUICKLY WHEN I'M SCARED

BUT, IT'S ALRIGHT FOR ME TO LOVE YOU, ISN'T IT?
.....MINATO
JAPAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 914 WILL BEGIN BOARDING AT 7:10, PLEASE HAVE YOUR TICKET AND ID AVAI---

GOGOGOGO...
(SOUND OF AIRPLANE)
ANIMAL X III END

INSERT BY AIRA-CHAN